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RE: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45

PUCT Docket No. 24481 – Designation of Common Carriers as Eligible Telecommunications Carrier to receive Federal Universal Funds Pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission’s Fourteenth Report and Order Adopting A State Certification Process

PUCT Project No. 25787 - FCC Letters Regarding ETC Designation Pursuant to FTA '96 §214(e)(2)

PUCT Docket No. 34516 – Application of NTS Telephone Company, LLC d/b/a NTS of Levelland for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier and an Eligible Telecommunications Provider

NTS Telephone Company – Annual Affidavit

On August 29, 2007 the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) issued a letter regarding designation of NTS Telephone Company, LLC d/b/a NTS of Levelland (NTS) as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC). The

PUCT's *Order No. 4*, Docket No. 34516, issued on August 24, 2007 granted this designation.

On September 4, 2007, NTS filed the attached affidavit of Jerry Hoover, Manager, which attests to the company's intent to use the federal support only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with § 254(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act, and for provision of the designated services required by 47 C.F.R. §54.101. This document is forwarded to your attention pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §§54.313 – 54.314 for the purpose of calculating federal universal service support for State Telephone.

If you require any additional information please call Rick Talbot at (512)-936-7257.

Sincerely,

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